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Editorial

M. I. A. U. REVISION DUE

Once again the students of this University have been victims of a lack of good faith on the part of certain other Maritime Universities, members of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Union. This latest move has resulted in the cancellation of the Intercollegiate Track and Field Meet, to have been held at St. Francis Xavier this week. This cancellation came after several weeks of vigorous training on the part of our own track team.

The incident is another in the increasingly frequent withdrawal movements made by member universities when matters unfavorable to them are accepted by the majority. In this instance, Acadia and Mount Allison disagreed with the principle of holding the annual track competition in the fall. While several valid reasons for this stand were put forward, the majority of members felt that the meet should be in the autumn. Only when St. Francis commenced preparations for the event, these dissenting Universities forwarded information to the effect that token representation only would be made at the meet. This situation was highly undesirable from all standpoints and in consequence, St. F. X. felt justified in calling for cancellation.

It has become apparent that the M.I.A.U. has ceased to carry out the aims of its charter. Dalhousie's withdrawal last year, and the previous difficulties encountered with other Maritime affiliates have shown the ineffectiveness of the organization. In spite of these deficiencies, the Students' Representative Council of this University has steadfastly stuck to the policy of keeping all commitments. This has meant a great financial strain on the student finances, especially when we are the only University in the Maritimes competing in all thirteen sports sponsored by the M.I.A.U. Many times during the past four years, motions for the cutting of certain sports have been defeated by the Council on the grounds that commitments had been made the previous spring at the annual meeting of the M.I.A.U.

Nor has U.N.B.'s participation in the group been the result of continued measures favorable to this University. For example, last spring an attempt was made to have the dates of all contests for all sports fixed at the annual meeting. This was a measure designed to enable our own Council in particular, and those of the other Universities as well, to budget fairly and regularly for all sports. Adoption of such a measure would have eliminated many of the headaches the S.R.C. has each fall in the setting of the levy. Needless to say, the measure was defeated because of the uncertainty of several Universities. No trial of the method was even permitted.

This University does not want to leave the M.I.A.U. The need for such an organization is apparent. What we desire is a competent body of representatives from all Universities interested in entering Maritime Intercollegiate competition. More than that, we must have bargaining in good faith. The time is ripe for a complete revamping of the M.I.A.U. Pettiness and coercion must be eliminated. These past stains should be removed and a fresh start made. We are not attempting to prove that our own record is pure. We ask for a complete reorganization of the Union with an eye to promotion of Intercollegiate sports in a fair and able manner. It must be up to our own Amateur Athletic Association to initiate such a move.

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"As Seen from the Bleachers"

(By the Spectator) RUGBY OR RING AROUND THE ROSIE?

Saturday's game with St. Dunstons is now history and written in the score books as a two all tie and although a summary is of little value at this date it is never too late for a post mortem. In fact to summarize the game would be much too simple as the better points of the contest could be adequately summed up by four little words, the weather was ideal. Outside of the perfect afternoon the other high lights seemed to be the—ah—ah—O well there are always the Canadian footballers.

In short, to make a long story nauseating the game was slightly under par. Rugby is a team game in which a hefty and heeblable scrum gets the ball back to their line, who on gaining possession travel down the field by means of passes and tricky foot work. To fit even such a poor definition of the English idea of football to the exhibition given here Saturday would take the services of a Chinese lawyer, and even he, I am sure, could easily become bewildered.

Consideration should be given to the fact that it was the team's first tilt of the season and therefore one could expect a little roughness in the plays but nevertheless there are many of last year's squad back in harness who, along with the new recruits may not be in top form but at least know the rules and the idea behind the game. After being present Saturday I am a bit doubtful as to their knowledge of either.

Fumbling seemed to be chief play of the game and it was one that worked often and smoothly, in fact one might think that they had a working agreement with the Red and White. Most of their passes seemed to be directed nowhere in general, just a desperation heave, and the few which by some twitch of fate found a target were bobbled, dropped completely or simply to cut out the confusion handed directly to the St. Dunstan aggregation.

Passing and tackling are two aspects of the game which do not, or should not take months of practice but many on the local squad seemed adverse to both during Saturday's contest. A few individuals appeared to have the idea in mind that they were the sole ball carriers on the team and shut their eyes to the players beside them when a pass was the last resort. I am the star of this club, better to lose than have someone else take the lime light. O. K. fellows; take that attitude if you wish, but you had better learn to be good losers.

The tackling department functioned on a gentlemanly basis with every one standing back and implying with a gesture of the hand, "After you, sir." That tactic might have come out all right if the St. Dunstan players had fallen in line with it and taken time out to wait for the courtesy decision but alas they were out to win in a game (Continued on page four)

NO VISITORS

At its recent conference in London, The National Federation of Canadian University Students decided to turn down a proposal made by retiring International Affairs Commission chairman Denis Lazure (University of Montreal) that an invitation extended by Lazure to a group of Soviet students to visit Canada be ratified by the National Federation.

The proposal would have seen a group of Russian students come to Canada this year for a tour, and a group of Canadian students go to Russia to return the visit. The NFCUS Conference turned thumbs down on the proposal.

Ordinarily such decisions are made, and then forgotten. This is one instance of the traditional NFCUS reaction to controversial issues that should come under some close scrutiny.

It would be difficult to say that the proposal was vetoed for one definite reason or another. But the impression stands out that the reasons were hardly adequate: "They will give NFCUS bad publicity," "If NFCUS does this it may get a Red reputation and that will finish it for twenty-five years!"

To say that the representatives of the various universities who make up NFCUS exhibited an attitude which in a sense merely provides the communist-dominated International Union of Students with ready-made propaganda would not be far off the mark. But that is only one aspect of the situation.

If the university students of this country are afraid, for one reason or another, to bring into this country for visits young men and women whose ideas are diametrically opposed to ours, then surely we have lost a large degree of faith in ourselves and in our democratic institutions. If we are aware of some of the large political issues that face us, and of the vast numbers of carefully trained people who are the opposition, then we should from time to time welcome the opportunity to bring them to Canada, and meet them on our home ground.

A little honest controversy over the visit of some dyed-in-the-wool Russian communists might be very good for the too often smug, isolationist tendencies that the Canadian student has shown so willingly and so frequently during these past five years.

In spite of the fact that this editorial might seem to follow rather closely the current communist line on this issue, we would rather enjoy the prospect of a Russian communist student entering the lists in a Hart House debate.

Canadian student leaders might well take another look at the principles and ideas which are currently directing their actions. The ostrich who sticks his neck out only to the point where his head is well buried in the sand, should realize he is in danger of losing his plumage.

— From the Varsity, University of Toronto. Ed Note: — The Universities of New Brunswick and Toronto were in the minority delegations that supported the above mentioned proposal.

A. M. & D.

By Anne Sansom

NOW, there is positively no excuse; none whatever. People who mumble "The Art Centre—where is it?" are in danger of revealing their complete illiteracy. After all, college students are expected to be able to read on occasion. I know that it is not a required course for university entrance, but it is useful to perform the great feat once in a while. Therefore, since all of us will want to give the impression of a high standard of education, the Art's Centre's location is no longer a mystery—it has a sign!

The sign is a beauty! I could go into aesthetic raptures over it, but with great restraint I will leave that to a later time. The Engineers can rave about the lettering; the Foresters, the wood chosen, while the rest of us will content ourselves with the activities the centre offers us. For example the art classes on Thursday night which are being swamped by students this year; and the Sunday night concerts to which we all have become very attached. A propos of this, the Van der Mejdens are going to run the concert this week, playing some of their favourite records. The programme may not be a shade of the "bop" concerts last year, but it will be good—hang around jazz fiends your time will come later, wait and see.

Another exhibition is planned for the near future—it is an exhibition of woodcuts by Sybil Andrews. I didn't mean the usual kind, sawdust, chip off the old block and things like that—come and see them—you Foresters might want to try something like this in your idle summer evenings. You have all the wood that you need.

Ah, the autumn season is a wonderful time for artists of all species. The brilliant colours, the crisp air, football games, cheer leaders, CHEER LEADERS! Yes! That's the problem. We need some. There is nothing worse than sitting in the mute bleachers watching a certain Prep school yell its head off. Moreover the artistic quality of those lovely knees and ankles being breath taking, the problem is even more acute. However, it is the custom to follow our own leaders, (yelling of course) since it is a good outlet for temperament. So when our three trim freshettes walk out on the field this year, yell at them if you must, but yell. More things are wrought by lung power than most men dream of, to borrow a phrase. Even if there seem to be six of them (these girls are worth two of the normal kind of course) yell for the college because U. N. B. is you.

Platitudes, platitudes, dear old platitudes; but (sigh) they serve a purpose. The Dramatic Society (no platitude here) is in need of assistance and interested students. All hams (excuse me, Thespians) who love the glory of popular acclaim, the thrill of the stage, the mess grease paint makes of your face, now is the time for you to make your first (Continued on page four)

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Last week I said about the Mount A. time it was rather a but since then much ed and the trip is n and concrete. That you can stop support however, for it still tively on your support I said much has hap last week and here again to tell about it. As you may have last week I mentione were rumors that the mentioned something trip at a meeting. It that they recommend group or organizatio campus get behind sponsor it. Well th have done just that, ber that they cannot They need the studen come on and pitch i Ah! a question. Wha and why should it p way to do this spons question.

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The question now where the U-Y club the funds needed to financial burden. W answer. On Octobe tieth the firemen of having a dance at and they have ver sented to split the the U-Y club in or might have enough reduce the train far For this we cannot t men enough. We thank President Tru social committee of sity, without whose this would not have sible.

You have probabl lists posted in ever the campus on whic ing to go on the t signing their names days. So far only enough people have

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